

## JOHANNESBURG MAYORESS VISITS JEWISH INSTITUTIONS

### Luncheon of Union of Jewish Women

ON the morning of Tuesday, the 4th inst., the Mayoress of Johannesburg (Mrs. Penry Roberts), accompanied by members of the executive of the Union of Jewish Women, visited the Jewish Aged Home, the Girls' Hostel and the Jewish Orphanage. At each of these institutions Mrs. Roberts was welcomed by representative persons, and the fatigue of the undertaking was considerably lightened by the interest afforded by the view of the inside economy of the institutions.

At 1.15 the members of the Union met at the Automobile Club to entertain the Mayoress at luncheon. The other guests of honour were Mrs. J. L. Landau, Mrs. Arthur Griffith (sister of the Mayoress), Mrs. Desmond Prior and Miss Gwynneth Roberts (daughters of the Mayoress). There was a large and representative gathering, over which Mrs. G. Trevor, president of the Union, presided.

Mrs. Trevor, in welcoming Mrs. Roberts on behalf of the Union, stated that during her year of office she had made herself beloved of all women workers of the town. She had, that day, made visits to the Jewish institutions, not because of a sense of duty, but because she was definitely interested.

In speaking of the efforts of the Mayoress on behalf of city charities, said Mrs. Trevor, it was fitting to mention the projected home for cripple children, which was to be denominational. The Union of Jewish Women, said the speaker, had decided to endow a bed for the Home. Mrs. Brasch was the convenor of the committee which had been constituted for this purpose, and she was organising a bridge and card afternoon to be held at the Langham Hotel on Tuesday, October 23rd.

Mrs. Trevor also extended a welcome to Mrs. Landau, during whose absence the Union had been deprived of one of its most valuable workers.

Mrs. Penry Roberts, in reply, thanked the gathering for their welcome to her, and expressed her gratification at the proposed gift of the Union to the Cripple Children's Home. She commented on the similarity of the Jewish and the Welsh nations, both of which were small, strongly religious and extremely musical. She herself, said Mrs. Roberts, came from Wales.

Having given expression to the pleasure which she had derived from her year of office, the Mayoress commended the manner in which the women of Johannesburg had assisted in all communal work. In connection with the Jewish institutions which she had just visited, she said that the structure appeared to be well nigh perfect, all classes of society being adequately catered for. "You have seen to it most worthily," she said, "that charity begins at home—yet you do not forget to spare a good slice of your love for those outside the home."

Mrs. T. Saphra, vice-president of the Union, said that the women of Johannesburg were justifiably proud of the city's first woman citizen. Mrs. Roberts had maintained a high standard of devotion and efficiency, and she was endowed with true womanliness, dignity and kindness. The Jewish women of Johannesburg were deeply grateful for her interest in all social welfare work.

In speaking of Mrs. Landau, Mrs. Saphra said that she had been the guiding spirit of the Union of Jewish Women for such a length of time that her absence had left a blank in the Jewish communal life of Johannesburg.

Mrs. Landau thanked the speakers for their welcome to her, and stated that she felt that she had left the Union in good hands. She hoped that in the future she would be able to offer all possible interest and assistance.

## Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Miller Entertained

THE 103rd monthly meeting of the Palestine Club held on Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Vorenberg, St. John's Road, Houghton Estate, took the form of an evening "At Home," given in honour of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Miller, who have just returned from Palestine.

Mr. L. H. Cohen, the chairman, presided over an exceptionally large gathering of members and friends of the Club. After Mrs. Daniel Jacobson, the hon. secretary, had read the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. Cohen extended, on behalf of the Club, a cordial welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

Mr. I. J. Hersch spoke in support of the Chairman's welcome, and Mrs. A. M. Lipschitz did the same on behalf of the ladies.

Mr. Miller, in returning thanks on behalf of Mrs. Miller and himself, gave an interesting address on their impressions of Palestine and their experiences during their tour of the country. The impression Palestine made on him was different from that which he received when visiting other places, such as New York, etc. In Palestine he felt that he was really at home, and that was the feeling the Jew had in Palestine more than anywhere else. The South African visitors were given a warm reception everywhere they went, especially in Haifa, which was directly connected with South African Jewry owing to the work of the South African Binyan Company there. The houses they built for the people there were a credit to South African Zionism. Haifa had a wonderful future. Jerusalem, he said, was a sort of "Melting Pot" of humanity and of the centuries. At one moment one saw transport taking the form of slowly moving donkeys, at another, flashing past in the form of the latest in Rolls-Royces.

Mr. Miller described the Hebrew University, that wonderful monument of learning, and the new headquarters of the world Zionist organisation that were nearing completion. He also described Tel-Aviv, the hundred per cent. Jewish city. One knew, he said, when it was Sabbath in that city. There were no buses or cabs plying for hire on that day, and the synagogues were crowded. Speaking of art and culture, Mr. Miller said there was more culture to the square inch in Tel-Aviv than anywhere else. In connection with his visit to the Jewish colonies in Palestine, the speaker emphasised the difference between communism being voluntary practised in the colonies, and being forced on the people, as it was in Russia. Women, he said, were taking a big share in the labour of the country.

Mrs. Miller gave her impressions of the Jewish women in Palestine. They felt they were in their own home, among their own people and in their own land. This feeling gave them a pride and dignity and freedom from the irksome restrictions of race and creed distinctions experienced in other countries, all of which had a wonderful effect on them.

A discussion ensued, in which the Chairman, Mr. I. J. Hersch, and Miss Ben Jacob participated, and to which Mr. Miller replied.

Chief Cantor S. Inspektor gave a beautiful rendering of two tenor songs from "Aida" and "Pagliacci" respectively, and Miss Lovell played two pianoforte soli, both artists being deservedly and enthusiastically encored.

Mr. J. Feitelberg proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Miller for his most interesting and informative address, and Mr. Miller moved a similar compliment to the host and hostess and the artists.

A collection was made for the inscription of the name of the Club in the Golden Book of the National Fund.

## Dr. Rosenfeld and the Johannesburg "Maccabi"

The Johannesburg "Maccabi" held a reception in honour of Dr. Alexander Rosenfeld at the H.O.D. Hall on Sunday, the 2nd inst. There was a large gathering of members, most of whom were wearing their "Maccabi" blazers.

Mr. D. J. Etkind presided, and in welcoming Dr. Rosenfeld on behalf of the Maccabi Organisation said that Jewry throughout South Africa realised that a new chapter in the history of the South African Jewish youth had been started. He congratulated the World Maccabi Union for choosing a personality like Dr. Rosenfeld to come to this country with such an important mission.

Mr. L. Issulis, in associating himself with the welcome extended by the chairman, stressed the importance of the Maccabi movement and hoped that during Dr. Rosenfeld's stay in this country the movement would be strengthened.

Miss F. Linde extended a hearty welcome to Dr. Rosenfeld on behalf of the lady members of the organisation, and stated that for the first time in history a team of Jewish women athletes had participated in the World Women's Olympiad.

Dr. Rosenfeld, who was received with great enthusiasm, said that he had come to this country for three purposes: to assist the Jewish youth in this country to send over a team to Palestine to participate in the second Maccabiah in April, 1935; to collect funds to assist in the building of a national stadium and swimming pool in Tel-Aviv; and to form a strong Maccabi movement in this country. He spoke also of the importance of Jewish sport in the upbuilding of the National home, and informed the gathering of the activities of the Maccabi in many different countries.



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